(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details are being finalized.

Practice of untouchability in village Panchayat

520. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bileisarda village Panchayat in Bolangir district of Orissa prevented Dalit families in the village from consuming tap water supplied by the Panchayat on grounds of untouchability;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been inquired into;

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken against those found responsible; and

(d) if the matter has not been investigated, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken in the matter and by when?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Funds for Gram Panchayats in HP

521. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amounts sanctioned by the Central Government and the State Government of Himachal Pradesh to various Gram Panchayats;

(b) whether any monitoring mechanism is in place to curb the misuse of funds allotted in this matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that for the past five to six years, no developmental work has been carried out properly in the Panchayats of Chirgaon and Rohuru Tehsils of Shimla district; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the concerned Gram Pradhans?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Details of the amounts sanctioned by the Central Government and State Government and released to the Panchayats through the Department of Panchayati Raj in the State may be seen at enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act provide for annual inspection and audit of accounts of every Panchayat. A Technical Agency

assesses the Departmental works carried out by the Panchayats. There is also a departmental Audit Agency to check/audit the accounts of Gram Panchayats. Disciplinary proceedings can be initiated against erring representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions under Section 144 and 145 (2) of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

(d) and (e) The State Government have reported that no irregularity has come to their notice.

Statement

The details of the amounts sanctioned by the Central Government and State Government to Gram Panchayats

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Year 2007-08	Remarks
1.	Allocation under Twelfth Finance Commission to Gram Panchayats (Central Budget)	23.76	—
2.	Allocation under Twelfth Finance Commission to Panchayat Samitis (Central Budget)	2.26	—
3.	Allocation under Twelfth Finance Commission to Zila Parishads (Central Budget)	3.38	—
4.	Award to unopposed Gram Panchayats (State Budget)	7.45	—
5.	C/o Panchayat Ghars (State Budget)	3.64	—
6.	Gram Swaraj Yojna c/o & up gradation of Panchayat Ghars and PRTIs/ Incentive Grants to Panchayats (Central Budget)	3.17	—
7.	Honorarium to elected representatives of the PRIs and its staff under the recommendation of the SFC (State Budget)	21.65	—
8.	Grant under NREGA (Central Budget)	124.00	—
9.	Grants under SJRY (Central Budget)	20.46	—
	TOTAL:	209.77	—